



MAYOR BRANDT OF BERLIN TO MEET CLUB REPORTERS

OPC members will have a chance to meet Mayor Willy Brandt of Berlin on Thurs., March 16, at 4:00 p.m., in the Terrace Court of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. He will be introduced to OPCers by German Consul General George A. Federer.

The occasion will be Brandt's opening of an exhibit of pictures of Berlin by photographer Lynn Millar.

The Berlin mayor, who is the Socialist Party candidate for Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany in this year's election campaign, will hold a press conference in the hotel before opening the exhibit. His trip to the U.S. will include a visit to Washington and Chicago.

Beaucoup Ask Vichy Menu

Because of heavy demand for tickets to the Vichy-Bourbonnais Regional Dinner March 21, 30 extra places will be set in the third-floor lounge. Same menu, of course: *Hors d'oeuvres, Cochonnailles d'Auvergne et du Bourbonnais; Mousse de Brochet a l'Alliere; Tourte de Volaille Bourbonnaise; Rissoles de Pommes Dauphinoise; les Fromages du Pays; Entremets: Cito Vichyssois.*

St. Pourcain wines, rare in the U.S., will be served. *Feuilletees Moulinoises* will accompany the *Vin Blanc Cassis* during the pre-dinner reception.

JOHN LUTER vs. HAL LEHRMAN IN RACE FOR OPC PRESIDENCY

John Luter, press editor of *Newsweek*, has been nominated for re-election as President of OPC. Founder-member Hal Lehrman, former foreign correspondent, magazine writer and lecturer, has been named to be the opposing candidate. The announcement was made this week by past-president Burnet Hershey, chairman of the Nominations Committee.

Luter and Lehrman, and other officer and Board of Governor candidates, will be voted on by active members at the Club's Annual Meeting, scheduled by the Board for Fri., April 28.

Named as contestants for three vice-presidencies are: Lawrence G. Blochman, magazine writer and novelist; John F. Day, Jr., former CBS vice-president, cur-



Luter

Lehrman

rent OPC first vice-president; Jess Gorkin, *Parade* editor, current OPC Bulletin co-chairman, now serving on Board of Governors; Mary Hornaday, UN correspondent, *Christian Science Monitor*; and Ansel E. Talbert, former aviation editor, *NY Herald Tribune*, current OPC vice-president.

For secretary: Will Yolen, current (acting) and former OPC secretary; and Allen Robert Dodd, Jr., former news editor, London bureau INS.

For treasurer: Will Oursler, magazine writer and author, current OPC treasurer pro-tem; and Matthew A. R. Bassity, former newspaperman, past OPC assistant treasurer.

For Board of Governors (seven to be elected): William A. Birnie, *Reader's Digest* editor; William F. Brooks, former executive, AP, NBC; John D. Collins, picture editor, AP; Robert Conway, *NY Daily News*; John de Lorenzi, King Features, OPC House Operations Committee vice-chairman; Richard de Rochemont, motion picture and TV executive, current president Correspondents Fund; Henry Gellermann, former news bureau chief, U.S. correspondent for foreign newspapers; Irene Kuhn, King Features columnist, founder-member OPC; William Lawrence, science editor, *NY Times*, current OPC vice-president; George A. McDonald, *NY World Telegram & Sun*, currently serving on OPC Board of Governors; Kathleen McLaughlin, UN correspondent, *NY Times*, current OPC vice-president; Dorothy Omansky, Volunteer Enrollment Service

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JOE THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR

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Tues., March 14 – Open House: Harry and Bonaro Overstreet on 'Khrushchev's Communism.' The well-known authors of *'The War Called Peace'* discuss Moscow's newest brand of Communism. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please. (See enclosure).

Thurs., March 16 – Special Press Conference for Mayor Willy Brandt of W. Berlin at Sert Room, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Time: 3:00 p.m. Mayor Brandt will open an exhibit of Berlin photographs in the hotel's Terrace Court at 4:00 p.m. (through 5:30 p.m.) Members only. Reservations, please. (See story above)

Fri., March 17 – Special St. Patrick's Day – Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Members and guests. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please. (See page 3)

Tues., March 21 – Regional Dinner: Vichy & Le Bourbonnais. Special guest will be the Mayor of Vichy. Member & one guest. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

Fri., May 19 – OPC Charter Flight to Paris. June 18 – Return from London.

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POSTINGS

(Editor's note: Ticker ed Charles Klensch resigned this week, following his resignation — effective Mar 10 — as assoc ed of Parade mag. He starts Mar 13 at ABC-News. Klensch, ex-INS corr in Madrid, Moscow and London, had edited Ticker for the past 12 months.)



Klensch

NEWSWEEK — **Harold Lavine**, has taken on a new roving role as chief Lat-Am corr. Lavine, a senior ed and former National Afrrs ed, will hq in MexCity. From the beginning of the Cuban controversy, Lavine has been covering LatAm, commuting to the hotspots in Cuba, Panama and throughout Central and South America.

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UPI — **Arthur J. Dommen** was named Hongkong buochief Feb 27. Prior to taking up his new assignment, he was Saigon buochief. Dommen also has worked for UPI in Japan, Laos and Cambodia since coming to Asia.

PARIS.....from BERN REDMONT

Bernard Frizell, who has been novel-writing since his last Paris stint many years ago with TimeLife, will become Paris-based Euro corr for NBC. **Paul Archinard** remains as NBC-Paris.... **William Berns**, communications veep for NY World's Fair 1964-5, passed through with team that visited Israel and points east.... **Temple (Travel Guide) Fielding** spent few days in Paris with wife gathering material....

Serge Fliegers, Hearst, in Monte Carlo working on Monaco series.... **Ed Behr**, Time, finishing book on Algeria... **Thomas Griffith**, Time asst ME, visited Paris.... **Joseph Alsop**, NYHerTrib, on working honeymoon here.... **Robert Farrell**, McGrawHill buochief, back from French Alps with family.... **Robert Kleiman**, USN&WR, on assignment in Rome..

Robert Cooper and **Fred Emery** new Paris corrs for LonTimes.... **Art Buchwald**, NYHerTrib, back from Berlin.... **Naomi Barry**, NYHerTrib Paris edition columnist addressed Amer Cath Women's organization.... **George Markman**, CBS-TV cameraman, hit on the head by coal hurled by pro-Lumumba demonstrators near Belgian Emb here.... **Morrill Cody**,

USEmb publ afrrs counselor, hatched project for a Franco-American Institute in Rennes, Brittany.

TOKYO.....from GENE KRAMER

Bob Trumbull, veteran NYTimes Japan corr, shifted to Hongkong. Succeeded by **Abe Rosenthal**, who followed Trumbull into India a few years back.... Back (or reported enroute) from the civil war in Laos—**Keyes Beech**, ChiDlyNews; **Hank Egoshi** and **Charles Smith**, UPI; **Robert Martin**, USN&WR; **Skip Troelstrup**, NBC; **Wade Bingham** and **Peter Kalischer**, CBS; **Fritz Steck**, Neue Zeurcher Zeitung; **Ray Falk** ABC/NANA; **Rene-Georges Inagaki**, AP....

Latest boss-entertaining assignment to **Don Connery**, visited by **Andrew Heiskell**, TimeInc chairman. Heiskell also granted audience with Emperor Hirohito..

Norm Williams, veteran UPI Asia div newspix ed, joined Newswk as 'special projects dir, Pacific edition.'... **William Miller**, former UPI Manila mgr, has taken over as Tokyo buochief.... **Mike Malloy**, formerly with Stars&Stripes, is latest addition to UPI-Tokyo staff.

LONDON.....from JAY AXELBANK

ABC's Yale Newman has been besieged with protests from Americans here about the recent 60-minute BBC documentary, "Chicago," which presented the seamy side of Chicago life. BBC credited ABC with assistance in the production.

This was misleading, according to Newman, because the BBC crew worked with 'our local Chicago affiliate — not the network.' The critics wanted to know how a US network would lend itself to presenting Chicago as a city filled with drug addicts, derelicts and slaughterhouses.

'It had nothing to do with me,' Newman said, 'although I do admit it was an unbalanced view.'...

AP's Eddy Gilmore returning from a month-long vacation in SAfrica with friends.... Most corrs favorably impressed by fgn secy Lord Home who spoke at an Assn of American corrs in London luncheon.

MADRID..from THURSTON MACAULEY

The press colony here was sorry to see the departure Mar 4 of **Herb Morales**, asst USEmb pressattache nearly 4 years, for Washington where he joins Voice of America's LatAm sect. Morales was with

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Editor This Week: George Bookman
Bulletin Committee Chairmen:
Donald Wayne, Jess Gorkin
Managing Editor: Lucille G. Pierlot



'NECESSITY FOR CHOICE', was subject of discussion at March 6 Book Night. Shown with author Henry A. Kissinger (far left) are: Edmund Stillman, Frank Gibney and Oskar Morgenstern.

SECURITY PLAN IS KEY KISSINGER TELLS OPC

Henry A. Kissinger, author of the book "The Necessity for Choice", told an OPC Book Night audience this week that Americans must clarify their policies on national security before any real progress can be made on such key problems as reorganizing NATO or disarmament. Security, he argued, is not an end in itself, "but until we get it clear we will always be paralyzed by confusions" arising from our own insecurity.

Kissinger appeared on a discussion panel at the Club with Oskar Morgenstern, professor of political economy at Princeton; and Edmund Stillman, lawyer who has specialized in Eastern European questions, and author of "The New Politics: America and the End of the Post War World." Frank Gibney moderated the program.

Kissinger maintained, in answer to criticisms from other panelists, that he has never argued that the ultimate answers to U.S. global problems are military. He stressed however that a strong military posture is a prerequisite to solving other problems. Said Kissinger: "The more we say we cannot face the horrors of nuclear war, the more we put a premium on reckless behavior" by the Communists. "The more we say that unless there is disarmament, the world is lost, the more certain it is the Soviets will make impossible demands for disarmament."

CORNISH DIES AT 52

Richard V. Cornish, Rod and Gun editor of *The New York Daily News*, died Fri., March 3, in his Freeport, L.I., home. He was 52 years old.

Cornish went to work in 1938 for UP in Pittsburgh and later was named bureau manager there. He joined *The Daily News* in 1939, and, after serving the Navy in World War II, returned to the paper to become an assistant city editor. He began his column in March, 1954.

AWARDS DINNER FARE SET

A mouth-watering menu has been ordered for the 22nd OPC Annual Awards Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Fri., April 14, it was announced this week by Ben Grauer, Dinner Committee chairman.

Piece de resistance will be Grilled *Filet Mignon* with *Bordelaise Sauce* (or, as Seafood alternate, *Lobster Thermidore*). The complete menu: Tomato Surprise; *Filet Mignon Bordelaise* with *Pommes Parisienne* and *Petits Pois*; *Biscuits Glace*, *Golden Rhum Sabayon*; *Petit Fours*; and *Demi-tasse*.

Tickets, at \$15 each for a member and one guest and \$35 for other guests, are available from the Dinner Committee, MU 6-8398-99.

'Free Stout, Begorra!'

A choice of two traditional St. Patrick's Day dishes, Irish lamb stew or corned beef and cabbage, will feature the special dinner to be held Fri., March 17, at the OPC.

The menu will also include Vegetable Oxtail Soup, Shamrock Salad, Tipperary Trifle (for dessert) and Irish Coffee.

To add Gaelic zest, there will be a choice of Guinness Stout, "on the house," courtesy of Hueblein Food Import Co., or of "half and half".

Door prizes will include two gift bottles of Irish Mist liquer, two gift packages of Irish Mist miniatures with six Irish Coffee glasses, and two gift bottles of Tullamore 8-year old Irish Whiskey, all donated by Munson G. Shaw & Co., NY importers.

Reservations are required for the St. Patrick's Day event which will start with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:45 p.m. Charge: \$3.75. There is no limit on number of guests. However, when making reservations, members are requested to indicate whether they prefer the stew or corned beef for a main course.

Cocktails in London -- For OPC Fliers, June 17

A cocktail party for the Charter fliers, to serve also as a round-up of resident OPCers in London, has been arranged by Russ Anderson. It will be held at the Columbia Club, Sat., June 17, (day before departure to NY), from 4-6:00 p.m. This time was chosen to let tourists go on to theatre or other events.

The London party is the third to be organized for members going on OPC's initial Charter Flight. The first will be given by PanAm before leaving NY. The second gala arranged by Curt Heymann will be held at the Crillon in Paris, Mon., May 22.

Madeline D. Ross, chairman of the Charter Flight Committee, reports enthusiastic cooperation on the part of overseas members and suggests that flying members check these parties in their date books. They will not only be fun but will afford an opportunity to meet many of our European members.

A few places remain for the flight leaving NY on Fri., May 19 (on a PanAm DC7C) and returning from London on Sun., June 18, at the bargain rate of \$275 round trip. The full amount is necessary for registration. Madeline advises, "If you're planning to go, make up your mind right now because reservations in Europe are getting tight."

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United Nations Information Pact -- a Muzzle for Freedom

By K. BALARAMAN

(N.Y. correspondent of The Hindu)

(Ed. Note: The following is reprinted from February, 1961, IPI Report, monthly Bulletin of the International Press Institute.)

New York

In the name of freedom of information shackles on this very freedom are being steadily forged in the United Nations smithy. A Convention on this subject is being written by the General Assembly's Third (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) Committee which is based on the lowest common denominator of press freedom prevailing in UN-member countries today. And what that can turn out to be can be gauged from the fact that out of the 99 member countries only 35 can be deemed to have a free press while in about an equal number there is total control of the newspapers.

Restrictions Sanctified

The Third Committee at its 1960 session made further progress with the draft Convention on Freedom of Information which has been looming ominously on the UN horizon for the last 12 years and adopted Article 2. The Preamble and Article 1 which were adopted in its 1959 session while endorsing the principle of press freedom restricted the press' right to ferret out information. Article 2, the heart of the Convention, carries the ball further. Under the pretext that exercise of press freedom entails "certain duties

and responsibilities" it gives legal sanction for a list of permissible restrictions so comprehensive as to cover the waterfront and which could be used by any government so bent to put a tight lid on free flow of information.

Split Three Ways

The United Nations is split three ways on the question of press freedom and this was fully reflected in the debate on Article 2. The United States and other Western countries which enjoy press freedom are of the view that if restrictions of the kind underwritten by Article 2 are legally made permissible the Convention would be reduced to an instrument for the restriction of press freedom, a freedom which has been dearly won; they would therefore rather have no Convention at all than a restrictive one. The Soviet Union and other totalitarian countries which have muzzled their press while paying lip service to the concept of press freedom are in favor of imposing restrictions on the ground that absolute freedom could act against the interests of the entire nation and even against world peace; they support the present draft Convention with all its proposed restrictions not because they need it to gag their press but because it would throw the noble cloak of international sanction over the press controls they have imposed. On the third side are some countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America like India, Burma, Philippines and Uruguay, which have press freedom but not well-developed media of informa-

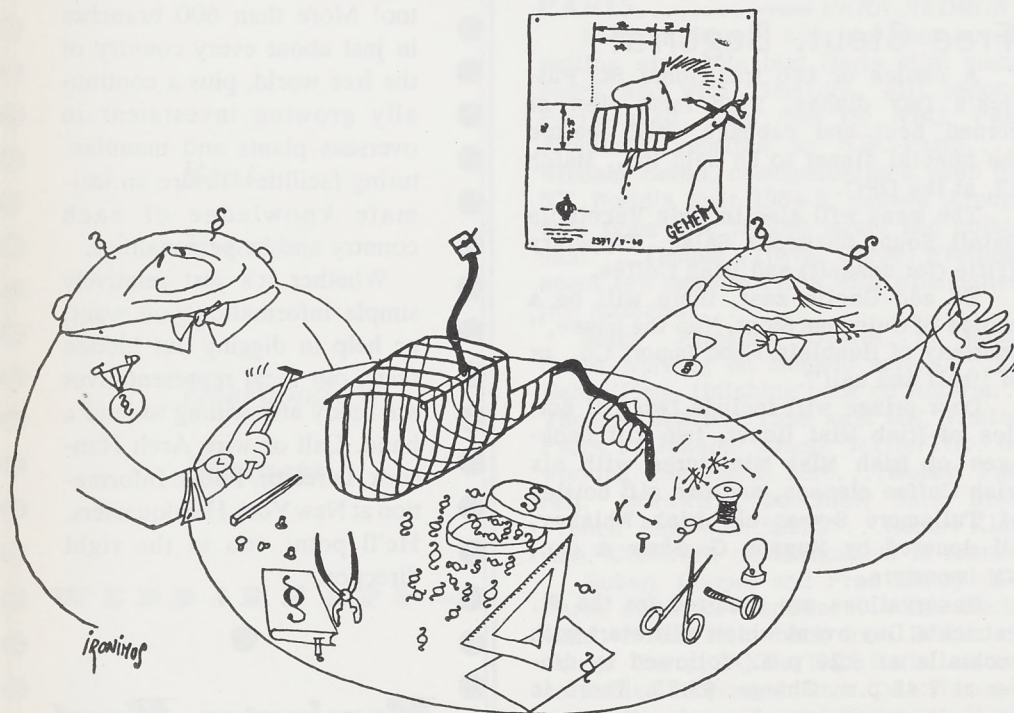
tion and propaganda. They feel there should be some provision for preventing abuse of press freedom, because they have been victims of unsympathetic and biased reporting by the Western press in the past and are anxious to protect themselves against such a fate in the future.

Till three years ago the Western Powers were in control of the General Assembly and were therefore able to prevent adoption of any limitations on press freedom. With the admission of a large number of African and Asian countries this situation has changed. Those who are in favor of putting checks on the press for whatever reasons are now in a clear majority and they have been able to push through the two controversial Articles 1 and 2 easily.

Could Be Worse

Protagonists of press freedom can perhaps find some solace in the fact that the Third Committee could have done worse. Firstly the limitations which have now been written into Article 2 are less sweeping and less far-reaching than those which earlier drafts had proposed; the latter were all-embracing. Further Article 2 as adopted rules out prior censorship and preserves the right to criticize the government. This is no mean gain, for which one should be thankful to the Western countries, thirteen Latin American countries and six Asian countries (India, Japan, Philippines, Afghanistan, Lebanon and China) who joined together to give it the required simple majority. But it will need a two-thirds majority for final adoption by the General Assembly. The Soviet bloc countries and some Arab and African countries like United Arab Republic, Ethiopia and Ghana are opposed to it and they can be expected to renew their efforts to get it stricken off when the draft Convention comes up for the General Assembly's approval. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Western countries, while they voted for the clause ruling out prior censorship, abstained on Article 2 as a whole. On the other hand the Soviet Bloc and the Arab and African countries who voted against that clause voted for Article 2 as a whole.

There are seventeen more Articles of the draft Convention to be gone through, but not being of a controversial character not much difficulty is likely to be encountered for their adoption. The expectation at the United Nations is that the draft Convention should be completed by the Third Committee in another two sessions, that is by the end of 1962, and sent up to the General Assembly for final approval at the latest by 1963 (18th session). At that time those members op-



'DESIGN FOR A NEW PRESS LAW'. This cartoon by Ironimus, of Die Presse, Vienna, satirized projected new press regulations in Austria -- but it may also be studied profitably at UN Headquarters in New York.

'TO BE EXACT, I WAS THROWN OUT OF ANGOLA'

By GEORGE CLAY, NBC

New York

I have just come back from Africa. To be exact, the Portuguese West African colony of Angola. To be more exact, I was thrown out.

The Portuguese political police came for me at 2:00 a.m. One of them was about four feet tall — and four feet wide. The other looked like Cesar Romero — tall, battered and worried. It was he who handed me my prepaid airline ticket.

His opening lines were in the best traditions of the melodrama: "My Government has booked your passage. You will be at the airport at 7:00 a.m."

I was brash. "If I'm not there?" I asked.

"You will take the consequences."

That was all. I was there. I had had enough of Portuguese police stations by that time. Just a few hectic days before I had spent five hours in detention — just for asking questions.

This arrest — which, I was told, was not an arrest — came when, with NBC cameraman Ray Wilson, I chanced across the bodies of some Africans who had been killed in a suicide attack on a police station in Luanda. The attack had taken place some hours before. But the grass was long. They hadn't found all the bodies yet.

Ray had just squared up to film a police detail heaving one of the bodies into a truck when he was grabbed by a couple of policemen and marched into the police station with one of the cops thumping him in the ribs as they went.

I was pretty mad, but I took a pull at myself and followed the group quietly enough to the station. There I courteously asked to see the station commander, intending equally courteously to ask why Ray had been detained. "Um momento, please," he said.

posed to any restriction of press freedom will have another chance to press for revision of Articles 1 and 2, but their chances of mustering enough support to prevent these Articles in their present form getting the requisite two thirds majority seem rather dim. In the Third Committee 50 members voted for Article 2 as against 24 (5 against and 19 abstentions) who did not. About 20 new West African members did not participate in the voting for the simple reason they were not familiar with the subject. They can be expected to vote for the draft Convention when it comes before the General Assembly, and if that happens it would have easy sailing. The Western countries have, however, indicated that if the Assembly adopts a restrictive Convention, they will not sign it.

Three police stations and five hours later I was still demanding to be told why I had been arrested. And policemen were carefully assuring me that I was not under arrest — then sticking guns into my stomach when I tried to leave the room. When Ray and I were eventually let out it was without our cameras, without our films and without apology.

Then began a week of battering on closed doors, trying to get some information out of the authorities about mysterious shots in the night, raids on police stations, riots and other goings-on. The Portuguese were very polite. "Um momento, please" — and we'd wait another hour or two before being told that we'd got our wires crossed, that nothing had happened, or that if it had it was none of our business.

Maybe it sounds funny in the telling. It wasn't. Particularly when a British newsman, Jim Brown, got shot one night. We tried to find out what had happened to him, where and why. All we got was the Um Momento treatment. This time one of Brown's closest friends saw red. He marched into the Information Director's office. We went trooping after him. This time we didn't ask — we demanded information. We didn't get it. Next morning the political police came — and we left.

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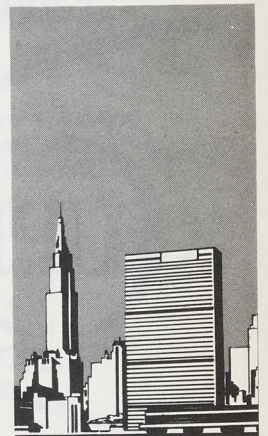
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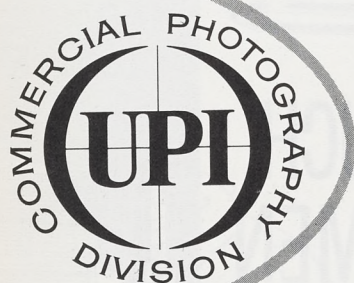
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LUTER VS. LEHRMAN

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Daniel A. Poling, editor, *Christian Her-
ald*; Madeline D. Ross, free-lance writer,
current OPC Work Tours & Charter Travel
Committee chairman; Donald Wayne,
Parade managing editor, current OPC
Bulletin Committee co-chairman; Tommy
Weber, free lance photographer, former
war correspondent, *Life* photographer;
Franz Weissblatt, former Far East cor-
respondent, UP, OPC treasurer; and Wood-
row Wirsig, editor, *Printers' Ink*, current
OPC Dateline Committee co-chairman.

Members of the Nominating Committee
who made the selections, in addition to
chairman Burnet Hershey, are: Norwood
Allman, Emanuel Freedman, Kenneth
Giniger, Lin Root and Henry Cassidy.

A special section of the *Overseas
Press Bulletin*, containing information
about candidates for election at the
April 28 Annual Meeting, will be sent
to members in accordance with Art. VIII
of the By-Laws, which directs the Judges
of the Election to publish an "informa-
tion sheet" containing "brief biographies
of all nominees" which "may also con-
tain statements by the nominees regard-
ing measures and/or principles which
they support." The manner of the candi-
date's nomination must also be indicated.

Biographies listed in the special sec-
tion will be compiled on the basis of
information made available by the candi-
dates. This material will be assembled,
passed upon, and, where necessary, cut,
also provided in the By-Laws, by the
Committee of Judges of the Election.

Denson Appoints OPC Awards Subcommittees

Representatives of many fields, re-
flecting a wide range of journalistic ex-
perience, are in the process of choosing
the winners of this year's OPC Awards.
Chairman John Denson, in order to facili-
tate award selection, has appointed the
following subcommittees:

Classes 1 and 6: Ken McCormick,
chairman; F. Richard Anderson; Clyde E.
Brown; Don Coe; Dan Mich; Roy Rowan.

Classes 2 and 7: Thomas Griffith,
chairman; Edward Barrett; Frank Barthol-
omew; Igor Gordevitch; Jess Gorkin;
Boyd Lewis.

Classes 3, 4 and 11: Henry Lieber-
man, chairman; Robert Conway; Sam
Lesch; Charles Robbins; Joseph Willi-
combe.

Classes 5 and 9: Les Midgley, chair-
man; Bennett Cerf; Milton Kaplan; Mar-
garet Ralston; Max Schuster; Marvin
Sleeper; Stan Swinton.

Classes 8, 10 and 12: Mary Hornaday,
chairman; Max Ascoli, Eldon Griffiths;
William Patterson; Sam Sharkey; Harry
Welker.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee
announces the election to membership of the
following candidates:

ACTIVE

Anthony J. Cavendish — UPI 1953/59
Arman John Ellis — Stars & Stripes
William H. Gregory — Aviation Week
Lila M. Harnett — Business Atomics Publi-
cations, Inc.
Louis J. Kramp — AP
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Ghanshyam J. Advani — Baltimore Sun
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culo de La Prensa, Buenos Aires
Ricardo Castro B. — La Nacion (Costa Rica)
John L. Ellinger — WNAB Bridgeport, Conn.
Albert Fenn — LIFE photographer
Tibor Hirsch — Business Week
Zind Lal Kaul — Press Officer for the Indian
Govt. N.Y.
Stanley A. Koven — AP
Hitindra Malik — N.Y. Corresp. for Near & Far
East News, Bombay
Laurence J. Pett — Israel Govt. N.Y.
Zell Rabin — U.S. Corresp. for News Limited
of Australia
Hershel B. Sarbin — Ziff-Davis Pub. Co.
Gerhart H. Seger — U.S. Corresp. for the Tele-
graf, Berlin
Richard C. Trimble — free lance
David B. Tullen — CBS
Jack Spurgeon Younts — WEEB Southern Pines,
N.C.

TICKER (Continued from page 2)

VOA before coming to Spain....

Recent visitors: Col Ridgway P. Smith, Stars&Stripes, ed-in-chief flew in from Darmstadt hq...Milton Bracker, NY-Times...George Vicas, CBS...Piers Anderton and George Murray, NBC...Robert Littell, RdrsDgst...Mrs. Pamela Schuyler, Conde-Nast...Mrs. Regina Mermel, Harper's Bazaar...Glenn Newberry and Gerald Snyder, NEA....

PANAMA.....from WILL SPARKS

This Insiders Newsletter (Cowles) corr arrived in Panama from NY blizzards to find Walter and Hindi Diamond away in Miami to escape the pre-Lenten Carnival festival and Bulletin corr Crede Calhoun filing dispatches to the local press from some remote valley in the interior.

They showed good judgment. Panama at Mardi Gras time is definitely not New Orleans. One regrets the lost sleep more than one enjoys the fiesta.

There has been a definite improvement in US-Panama relations since the Canal Zone riots of Nov 1959. Today an American can not only walk through Panama City with impunity; he can ride through it in a US Army car without even receiving a dirty look.

This is not to say that the situation could not revert without warning to the one of '59.

At the moment, a ruckus is brewing over mooring rights at the Balboa Yacht Club — which carried a 6-column P1 in the Panama American Feb 17. The paper quoted a local businessman as saying 'it would seem as if the new board of dirs of the Yacht Club is trying to ease Panamanians out. The affronted yachtsman had been using the same mooring buoy for the past five years; then, in early Feb he was assigned another mooring 'on a temporary basis.' He claimed similar notices had been received by other Panamanian members — but not by Americans.

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Meanwhile, Crede Calhoun returned to base and filed this report:

Operation Solidarity, combined manoeuvres of US and LatAm forces, brought corrs here from the US and some of hemisphere countries. The newsmen: Peter Andrews, Hearst; James Haswell, Knight papers; Roy McGhee, UPI; Louis De Roche, AFP; Herman Silver, BaltoSun; Warren Kennet, Newark News, Walden Porterfield, MilwJnl, and Ted Scott, NBC.

Writer G. Zimmerman and photog Robert Lerner here on a Look assignment.

TAIPEI.....from GERALDINE FITCH

China Post jnlsm seminar, Taiwan's 1st, opened Feb 27. Chinese and US jnlsts and info ofers gathered Feb 25 to wish it well. Guests included Arnold

Dibble, CAT Airlines PR; Spencer Moosa, AP; Al Axelbank, UPI, Francois Prause, AFP; Junius Griffin, Stars&Stripes; and Shullen Shaw, of UPI. Dibble, Moosa and Shaw are instructors for the 6-week course....

Comings/goings: Arnold Sheldon and Stephen Callahan, AFN-LosA, were entertained at cocktails by Mrs Lin Arison and Joe Brooks of MAAG Radio-Taiwan.. Robert Martin, USN&WR, here Feb 27-Mar 3.

WASHINGTON, from JESSIE STEARNS

Dixon Donnelley, ex-Washington newsmen and Dept State fgn svc ofcr, has been appointed publ afrs asst to Treas Secy Dillon...Roger Tubby, asst Secy State for publ afrs, told Congress last week he favored tighter administration of security regulations to prevent publication of such matters as Secy State Rusk's memo on defense strategy. Tubby appeared before the Senate Fgn Rels Committee, which later recommended his confirmation....

Pauline Frederick, NBC, moderated the Women in Congress program presented by the American Newspaper Women's Club.

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